THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) The activities of all organisations having a bearing on maintenance of communal harmony in the country are under constant watch of law enforcement agencies and requisite legal action is taken, where necessary.

Dual Tribunals

1446. DR.(SHRIMATI) JOYASREE GOSWAMI MAHANTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether two kinds tribunals, namely Foreigners' Tribunal and IM(DT) are applicable in Assam for detection and deportation of illegal migrants in Assam;

(b) whether there are any other States in the country where such dual tribunals are in force for the same purpose of detection and deportation of illegal migrants;

(c) if not, whether Government will take immediate steps for bringing the State of Assam at par with other States in the country by withdrawing the said discrimination in the matter of detection and deportation of illegal migrants; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) In Assam, Foreigners' Tribunals under the Foreigners Act, 1946 are functioning for detection of illegal migrants who had come to the State of Assam after 01.01.66 (inclusive) and upto 24.03.71. The Illegal Migrants Determination Tribunals under the Illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunals) Act, 1983 have been constituted for detection and deportation of illegal migrants who had entered into India on or after 25.03.71.

(b) No Sir.

(c) The Government is of the view that the IMDT Act in its application to the State of Assam alone, is discriminatory. A proposal to repeal the IMDT Act, 1983 is under consideration of Government.

(d) Does not arise in view of answer to (c) above.